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This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.

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Patent Number 6,099,402

Date Patent Issued Aug. 8, 2000

Title of Invention SMALL APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING CIRCULAR PLATE OBJECTS

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6,099,402, granted Aug. 8, 2000, and for which a

reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled SMALL APPARATUS FOR DISPENSING CIRCULAR PLATE OBJECTS

the specification of which

☒ is attached hereto.

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I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

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